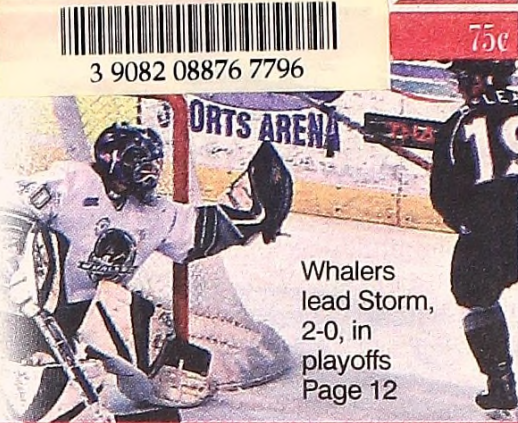


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Safety light

"Ready Freddy," the giant, fuzzy flashlight that will serve as the official Wayne County safety mascot, visited Cory Elementary School last week. Ready Freddy made the stop to help students help their parents to build a home safety kit to use in case of emergencies. Freddy joins Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano (above) and Wayne County Executive Assistant Michael Boynton (right).



Plan: City could lose \$64,000

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

If a Republican-backed plan to cut state shared revenue is ultimately approved, the city of Romulus will lose \$63,754 in the 2006-07 fiscal year.

Debra Hoffman, city financial director, said that the city will remove that amount of money from the fund balance, which will reduce the rainy day fund from \$2,486,000 to \$2,422,000.

"It doesn't sound like much, but it would be nice to get into

positive numbers when it comes to state-shared revenue," she said. "It's not going to affect us that much this year, but if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be much worse. We're trying to keep our heads above water right now."

Mayor Alan Lambert said he realizes that Romulus is doing better on the financial front than many of its neighbors, but still found the prospect more cuts disconcerting.

"It's not something that going to adversely affect us this year,

but if you add up what's been taken away in the past, it's quite a bit," said Lambert. "It gets frustrating, especially when you consider that we were assured nothing would be taken away this year."

Initially, municipalities were told funding would not likely be cut, until state budget personnel discovered a \$940 million deficit, which was worse than originally projected.

Budget control has been a

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Wells fined \$74,000 by agency

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

It is doubtful that the nearly \$74,000 in fines levied against the former operators of two deep injection wells in Romulus will prevent another owner from re-starting operations at the site, according to Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert.

The wells, which were one

owned by Birmingham-based Environmental Disposal Systems (EDS), were fined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for more than 20 violations related to leaks and vapors that shut the facility down in late 2006.

Lambert, an outspoken opponent of the wells, said that he's glad the government has fined EDS, but added that it's not

enough incentive to shut the wells down for good, which is what city officials would like to see.

"There's obviously some interest in the wells, but I think that the whole process with the state and federal government should start over," he said. "We need to know everything about any new operator to ensure they are quali-

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Schools table cuts, for now

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Romulus school board members declined to take any action on a budget reduction plan that would eliminate jobs and at least one facility at their Monday night meeting.

Board President Celeste Roscoe said it was too soon to make a decision, and that investigation was needed to make an informed decision.

"We just want to take a look at these cuts, and we don't have a date that we will vote on these," she said. "We'll let the public know beforehand when we make a decision (about the vote)."

The district is looking at drastic cuts in order to balance the 2007-2008 school budget. The closure of the Burton Center, staff layoffs, implementing a pay-to-play program, and the potential closure of an elementary school by 2009 were among the measures proposed.

At a special meeting on Wednesday, March 21, Roscoe said the board needs to carefully reflect on each cut.

"I think we need to look harder at this . . . we're going to go through that proposal almost line by line with a fine-tooth comb," she said.

According to the proposal, anywhere from 10 to 20 teachers, paraprofessionals, intervention specialists, custodians and support staff could be laid off, though no specific information about who would be laid off was offered.

The closure of the Burton Center, which houses Headstart classes, a day care center, and other programs, means that those initiatives would then be moved to other facilities.

Intervention rooms - where students are sent when they are misbehaving - would also be shut down, which would be particularly troublesome at Halecreek Elementary, where teachers said several behavioral problems occur.

Sarah Carter, a third grade teacher at Halecreek, said her classroom is comprised of 10 girls and 23 boys, and that eliminating the rooms would place a burden

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Condominium development wins township approval

A special use request for a condominium development on Bog Road in Van Buren Township was approved recently by a 5 to 1 vote.

Trustee Jeff Jahr voted against the plan, he explained, because of his disagreement with the township planned residential development ordinance. Trustee Lianne Clair was absent.

The Steeplechase planned residential development, just south of Bog Road and east of Rawsonville Road, would be 227 units of both single and multiple family homes. The Windmill Group developers also proposed about 65-acres of open space with pocket parks and fitness trails.

Bryce Kelley, director of planning and economic development

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I know I sound like a broken record, but if a property owner has vacant land they want to develop, they have that right.

Supervisor Cindy King

for the township, said improvements would also have to be made to the Bog Road intersection.

“There is not a light there now so either a light would have to be installed or active signals,” he said.

Many residents questioned the development plans, including Avi El’Cohen of the American Presidential Estates. He said he

wants commensurate housing

“We (American Presidential Estates) have been there; we’re an existing community,” he said. “This is something thrust on our homeowners, not something that was envisioned.”

Developers said there would be a buffer built and landscaped between the two properties.

Township Supervisor Cindy King said property owners have

the right to develop their land.

“We have a lot of farm land in this community and a lot of people have seen that angst in development,” she said. “I know I sound like a broken record, but if a property owner has vacant land they want to develop, they have that right.”

Although the township has suspended planned residential developments, this one was iden-

tified before that action took place, according to Kelley.

“This is one of the nicest planned residential developments so far that’s come across the table,” said Trustee Phil Hart. “I think the developers have done a good job.”

The development plan now goes back to the planning commission for final site plan approval.

Riggs home cleanup OK’d

The Van Buren Township Trustees recently approved allowing Environmental Testing and Consulting company use the Riggs farmhouse for environmental cleanup training.

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Viva Las Vegas

Pool sharks Ocie Carswell of Inkster and Lisa Comer of Romulus are practicing their form to represent the State of Michigan at the American Pool Association "Jack & Jill 8-Ball Doubles Championship" in Las Vegas next month. The duo will be one of 256 guy-gal teams competing for the title. "I have confidence that Lisa and I will give our best in the National Championship because we have been preparing day and night to represent Michigan," said Carswell. Both accomplished pool players, Carswell has been an APA member for three years.

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on all students.

"We spend a lot of time trying to deal with behavioral problems," she told the board. "It's a problem that is districting, and it's not fair for the other students who are there to learn and doing what they're supposed to do."

The district is also proposing a pay-to-play initiative that would charge students to pay a flat fee of

\$50 to participate in sports. Currently, the sports teams have fundraisers for new equipment and purchase some of their own equipment, but are not charged any fee. Several schools in the area, such as Garden City and Livonia, have had pay-to-play provisions to offset the costs of administering the expensive programs.

The Romulus school district has had a difficult time shoring up enrollment levels to bring in per-pupil funding and retaining students. The district has lost about 750 students in recent years,

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mantra for city officials in light of the state financial difficulties. All major services, from police to parks administration, remain intact, and there have been no layoffs, though some open positions were eliminated or left unfilled, officials said.

The cost cutting plan was out-

lined by state Senate Republicans was approved along party lines, without Democratic support. It remains to be seen whether that will be replicated in the state House, where there is Democratic majority.

Sen. Ray Basham (D-Taylor), who represents Romulus and nine other communities, said that the plan put forth places many municipalities at risk over time.

"These are funds the communities need to pay for vital ser-

Wells

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fied to run the facility. They shouldn't be able to just transfer the license."

The wells have been a source of conflict in Romulus for the past 15 years. When the leaks were discovered in October, the Detroit Police and Fire Pension System, the major backer of the project, fired EDS and searched for a new operator. Greektown businessman Jim Pappas is working out a deal to take over the facility in the coming months, according to published reports.

After the pension system took over the facility, EDS corporate web site was shut down, and phones went unanswered. EPA spokeswoman Philippa Cannon said that the entity is responsible for paying the fine.

"The violations happened under (EDS's) ownership, and we can still pursue them for payment," she said. "It's not that the company doesn't exist anymore; they're just not in Romulus."

The wells opened up for business at its 15-acre site on Citrin Road near Interstate 94 for just a few months after the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality granted EDS a license to operate – which was just months

Schools to lose money if budget is approved

The Romulus Community School District has undergone the painful process of cutting programs and staff to save \$2.5 million.

And – with only months left to the end of the 2006-07 fiscal year – officials learned another hit could come in the form of state revenue cuts, which if approved would strip \$34 per student from the district budget, a total of \$146,200.

Senate Republicans, who killed Gov. Jennifer Granholm's plan to add a 2 percent tax on some services to stop the red ink, devised the cost-cutting plan, aimed at helping to reduce a \$940 million statewide budget shortfall.

Superintendent Carl Weiss said he's certain the effect of the cuts, if approved, would not be good, but said he is doubtful they will come to pass.

"I don't think it's over yet when it comes to that issue," he said last week. "The governor has indicated that that's unacceptable to her, so we'll see what happens."

The schools are facing several

budget problems, Weiss said. The costs of providing health and pension benefits have increased, while the state aid – the most plentiful revenue stream for the district outside of property taxes – has remained essentially flat.

The Republican plan would cut school aid, revenue sharing to municipalities, and Medicaid, among others. The Democrat-controlled House of Representatives will not likely approve the budget cuts, however.

State Sen. Ray Basham (D-Taylor) called the cuts "misguided."

"This would cut about \$2 million from my schools, which is an astronomical cut to the people who elected me because they wanted more schools funding, not less," he said. "It's not the end of the line for this, though. The governor's plan does address some of the fiscal problems we have – and people just don't realize we have a funding crisis in Michigan. The cuts proposed by the Republicans would cut schools, municipalities, even Vietnam veterans."

according to officials.

Jason Salhaney, a teacher at Halecreek and the president of the Romulus Education Association, said the district hasn't done enough to find out why students are leaving.

"We haven't focused enough on revenue enhancement, and part of that is finding out where students are going, and why they're leaving," he said. "Not only do we not know why they're going, we've never asked."

Board Member Niema White also had concerns about revenue.

"If the Burton Center is closed, Have we looked into the possibility of selling it?" she asked. Superintendent Carl Weiss said the building is old and has little value.

Salhaney said that if the facility is closed and the building is up for sale, it could attract another charter school, which would again threaten district enrollment levels.

"We're going to look at everything," Roscoe said. "We're glad people concerned gave us their input, which is what we need as we go forward."

vices," he said. "It pays for police and firefighters, and it's to the point in many cities where they can't cut any more and expect to operate efficiently."

State Rep. Phil LaJoy (R-Canton Township), in the mean time, has introduced a measure that will analyze expenses to see if and where, at a state level, cuts can be made.

"The term 'government efficiency' sounds like an oxymoron to many," said LaJoy. "That is

what we want to change. We can't expect people to send more and more of their hard-earned tax dollars to government if we are simply going to waste it on bureaucratic nonsense."

Romulus operates on a \$20 million general fund budget. Hoffman said the cuts will also be factored into budget hearings for the 2007-08 fiscal year in case they come to pass.

Staff Writer Kevin Hill contributed to this report.

before the leaks were discovered. The opening came as a blow to city residents and environmentalists who continue to be concerned about operations at the site, Lambert said.

The city attempted to halt operations at the site through the legal system and incurred about \$1 million in legal fees fighting EDS during a 15-year period.

The license permits the wells to accept 11,000 gallons of waste from containers, 93,000 gallons in tanker vehicles and another 237,000 in tanks. Estimates indicated that about 25 trucks per day would be moving to and from the site.

The Citrin Road facility will

treat up to 400,000 gallons of liquid waste per day.

Ron King, an attorney for the pension fund, said it's unlikely the fines will create a barrier in terms of authorizing the new operator.

"We're looking for a solution for the community and the operator," he said. "I didn't see anything in the federal rules that indicate the fines must be satisfied for operations to begin."

All repairs must be made at the site before the facility can reopen, however.

The Detroit Police and Fire Pension Fund has invested about \$40 million in the project, King said.

News in brief

Self defense, stranger danger classes

The Romulus Recreation Department will teach adults and children how to be a little more aware of their surroundings this spring with a series of classes.

Stranger Danger and Self Defense classes will take place from 6 until 7 p.m. Wednesday nights starting on April 4 and ending on May 9. Classes will take place at the department offices, 11189 Shook Road in Romulus.

Both adult and child issues will be dealt with during the classes, and anyone aged 3 years old to adult will learn something at the classes, said Kristin Irwin, the director of Romulus Parks and Recreation.

No pre-registration is required, and classes cost \$7 for a six-week session.

For more information, call (734) 941-8665.

Parks department schedules egg hunt

The Romulus Recreation Department annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place behind the new Senior Center, which is located at 36252 Bibbins Road. Parking is available at the center.

The hunt will begin at noon on Saturday, April 7. This year, there are four age groups: 3 years old and under; 4-5 years old; 6-7 years old; and 8-10 years old.

Some eggs will have tickets in them that can be turned in for special prizes.

The event is free for all families, but photographs with the Easter Bunny will cost \$2.

Children are asked to bring a bag with them to collect the eggs.

Pre-registration is not required. For more information, call (734) 941-8665.

Cell phones needed

The Wayne County Sheriff's Department is looking for used cell phones to give to seniors who need a way to call 911 in an emergency situation.

Phones and chargers can be dropped off at the Wayne County Sheriff's Office locations: the Administration Building, 1231 St. Antoine; the Road Patrol Office, 3100 Henry Ruff at Michigan Avenue in Westland and the Highland Park station, located in Model T Plaza on Woodward Avenue, two blocks north of the Davison Freeway.

To receive a cell phone, contact the Sheriff's office at (313) 224-0614. If a phone cannot be provided, the recipients name will be paced on the waiting list.

OPINION

Good could be better

Members of the Westland City Council made the right choice last week when they rejected a proposed wage increase recommended by the Local Officers Compensation Commission.

There's nothing that will turn the public sour on government faster than a raise during a huge and long-lasting recession.

Since government salaries always bring some consternation with them, it might be time to tweak the policy in the City of Westland, where it is weighted toward automatic increases.

The way the system works now, the Local Officers Compensation Commission members meet every two years to provide the city council with salary recommendations for elected officials—which includes the council members, council president and president pro-tem as well as the mayor and the clerk.

If the council does not place the issue on the agenda, the proposal automatically takes effect. City rules then dictate that it takes five of seven council members to vote against the recommendations to block them.

This seems a little outdated to us.

First of all, we think potential raises for public officials should always be discussed in public. Secondly, we think it should be easier for the council to block the raises rather than approve them.

This is not a desire to short change anyone, nor scare people away from a position that admittedly is a lot of work. Serving on the city council is allegedly a part-time job, but we're sure most members would scoff at that concept. Even so, a salary of \$12,515 for council members, \$13,760 for the council president and \$13,137 for the president pro-tem is not exactly chump change.

We like the overall system. The Local Officers Compensation Commission has done a good job, through the years, of acting independently and prudently.

The changes that should be made are minor: We think these issues should always go on the city council agenda and they would require a 5-2 vote for approval, rather than a rejection.

We're not usually talking about a great deal of money, here, but this would help the city maintain its solid fiscal ground. It would make a good policy even better.

Keep those ideas coming

Nearly lost in the decision last week to modify the temporary sign ordinance in Wayne and allow for financial help for businesses to design and purchase new signs was an important phrase:

This is not all we're going to do. We're going to keep the doors of communication open and hope to work with our businesses all year long.

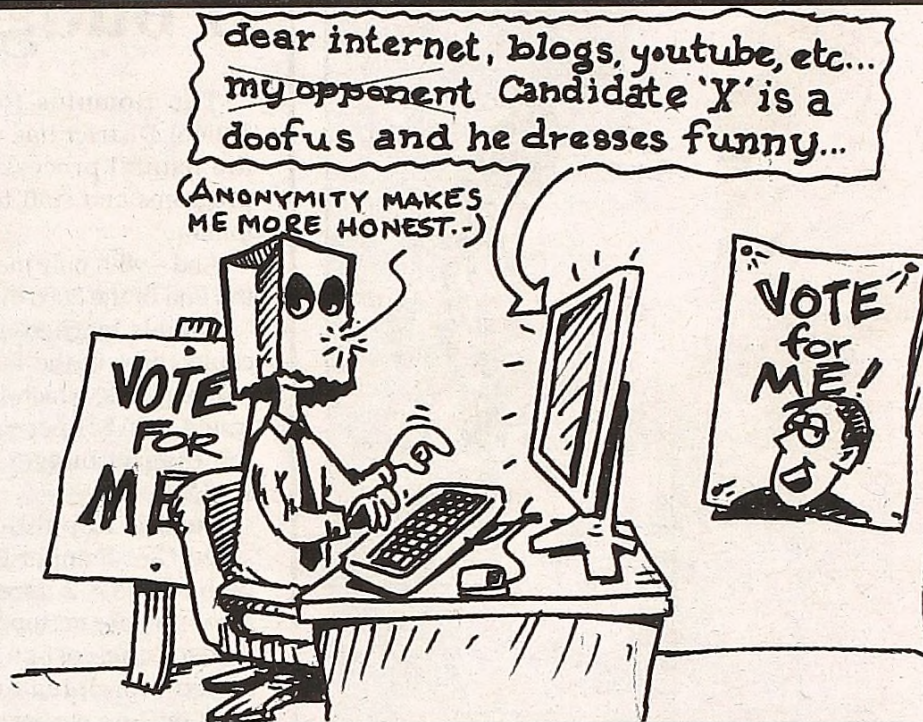
We're paraphrasing here, but the idea is a good one, as are the intentions behind it.

Officials in the City of Wayne should be commended for their quick action to help businesses already struggling with reduced traffic through the Michigan Avenue reconstruction project. Coming up with a plan less than a week after they met with concerned businesses shows that city government can, in fact, be quick and responsive.

The concept of continued communication between business owners shows that there may be more than can be accomplished to help businesses through this difficult period. It acknowledges the potential for additional ongoing problems and also sets the tone that those problems will be dealt with promptly.

The city is in a difficult situation with this project. It needs to be done, of course, but they are not in charge of it. Many of the things

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Just say what you think

With plenty of issues on the table, this promises to be an interesting election season.

In fact, the advent of technology guarantees it.

More and more newspapers—ours included, of course—have turned to the Internet as a way of getting more readers involved in the debate on local happenings.

We have several ways to do it that go beyond the traditional letters from readers, which—in print, at least—depend on having the space to run them. The comments sections we have attached to our stories, columns and blogs have at times generated some debate and dialogue and I personally couldn't be happier about that.

It presents a unique issue, though, heading into a time when school board candidates are seeking offices and city councilmen or commissioners are pondering a run at their offices, too. In the past we've been reluctant to print campaign letters for a variety of reasons—none of which, by the way, involve limiting public discourse or trying to subtly promote one candidate over another.

The new format makes this impossible and also interjects the possibility of anonymity to the mix. It's a sad fact that wherever anonymity proliferates, negativity prospers. For some reason, people who want to complain are simply more apt to talk, shout and, now, post than people who think things are going along pretty well, thank you very much.

It's easy to hurl insults—veiled or unveiled—when you don't have to worry about the repercussions. It's easy to promote one candidate and put down another if you don't have to look them in the eye, shake their hands or answer their questions. We don't have that option and I personally wouldn't want it.

We've already seen some more than questionable posts here on our web site. The reason you haven't is because we take more care on what gets through our filters than other forums or media outlets do. We don't have someone going through and removing

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We're in some good company

A long time ago the term muckraker was used to describe an investigative reporter who sought to serve the public interest.

They were hardnosed reporters who looked in the darkest of corners and trudged down the slimiest of streets—watchdogs sniffing out corruption, fraud and crime at all levels, public and private—so the general public didn't have to.

They were people like Charlotte Perkins Gilman and John Spargo who shined a much-needed light on the shady accounts of child labor in the late 1800s-early-1900s; Westbrook Pegler, who uncovered crime in labor unions in the 40s; Helen Hun Jackson, who wrote about U.S. policy regarding American Indians in her book *A Century of Dishonor*; or John Howard Griffin, a white journalist who disguised himself as a black man to chronicle the racial injustices in the South.

In more recent years there were, and everyone should know, Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein who broke the Watergate scandal wide open using shadowy sources named Deep Throat.

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Well reporters with names like Andrea King, Kevin Hill, Lester Holmes, Molly Tippen, Meghan Chatham and this columnist and editor Scott Spielman are taking the name back to its roots.

Muckraking was term originally used by Theodore Roosevelt in his 1906 speech where he called for the relentless attack on the "many and grave evils" within the political, economical and social arenas. The name came from John Bunyan's book, *Pilgrim's Progress*, in which a character spends all his time raking filth.

We—all capable of fine journalism ourselves—are stripping the term down to the literal meaning,

though. We're trading our pens and keyboards in. We're going from muckraking to muck raking.

For those who don't know, *The Journal Newspaper* building is located on Michigan Avenue in the heart of downtown Wayne—which is now a deconstruction zone. I've never seen so much muck in one area before. There are two lanes of mud in front of the building where the road is torn up. With all of the snow melted and the recent rain showers the last couple of days, that area is now the site of *The Journal River*. (I say stock it with fish and let's go fishing or let's have a statewide "Mud Day" at our place this year).

On the west side of the building, which was once host to an abandoned building, is a muddy, weedy, rocky and empty lot that some construction worker or contractor tried emptying *The Journal River* into to make *Lake Journal*—thank you by the way.

Behind the building is an uneven, mushy hill that leads to the back door. Some of the workers use the ever-locked entry after trudging through the filthy street and navigating through a crater-filled, disheveled parking lot to ring a doorbell to be let in. And, like a good Pavlovian subject, one of us who has already managed the treacherous sidewalk-less terrain runs to open the door for them. No reward, though.

Our cars are eternally dirty as are our shoes and clothes. Tracks and traces of mud stain the carpets and run throughout the entire building. The best part is that the construction is scheduled all the way to November.

So when we're not muckraking at *The Journal Newspapers*, we're actually raking muck.

Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

From the cheap seats

by Jeff Novak

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objectionable material that people complain about, we have people that make sure that objectionable material never even gets that far.

This is a tricky line to walk. I, for one, will probably always err on the side of caution. It's certainly not my intent—or the intent of anyone else who works here—to limit public input. I'd rather not have to go in and correct something that is blatantly false, either. This is supposed to be your space. Our hope is to raise the amount—and level—of public conversation.

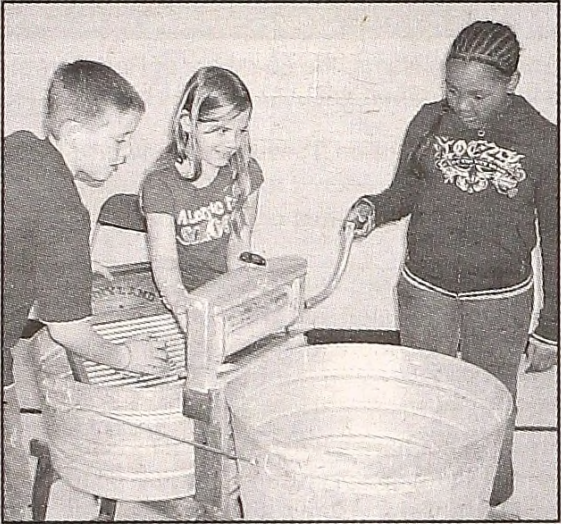
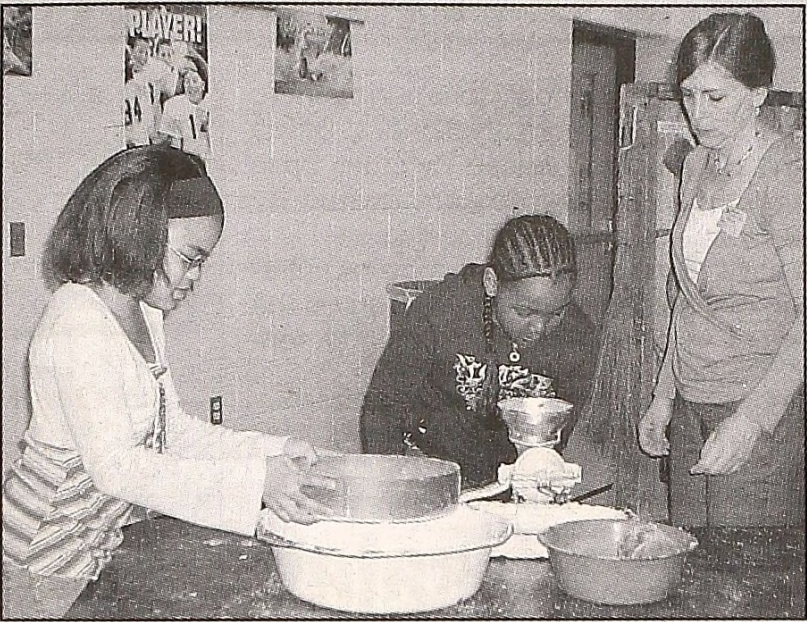
So I'm going to put my trust in you, the readers. If you want to make a point, don't put anyone down to do it. You can say why you want to vote for so-and-so without calling his opponent a four-letter word or questioning his intellectual capacity. You can weigh in on decisions without insulting the decision-makers.

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Time travelers

Thanks to the Edgemont Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization, students were able to see what it was like to live in the Pioneer Days last week in Belleville. Everyone was able to experience how to wash clothes, use old-time musical instruments, how to spin wool, how to find and clean gold nuggets, shave with old-fashioned tools, make beaded jewelry, and more.



Ideas

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they'd like to see—additional traffic control measures, for instance—are outside of their ability to put in place. They can only try to influence them and hope for the best.

At the same time, they do have the authority to help businesses and residents through the project. They've showed that they have the will, too. Part of that may be because the success of the city hinges on the success of the business community and, in an economy like this, nobody wants to start over.

Still, we're encouraged with the quick action on the sign issue as well as the open door policy to deal with future problems.

It's going to be a long year for everyone. Let's keep the ideas coming.

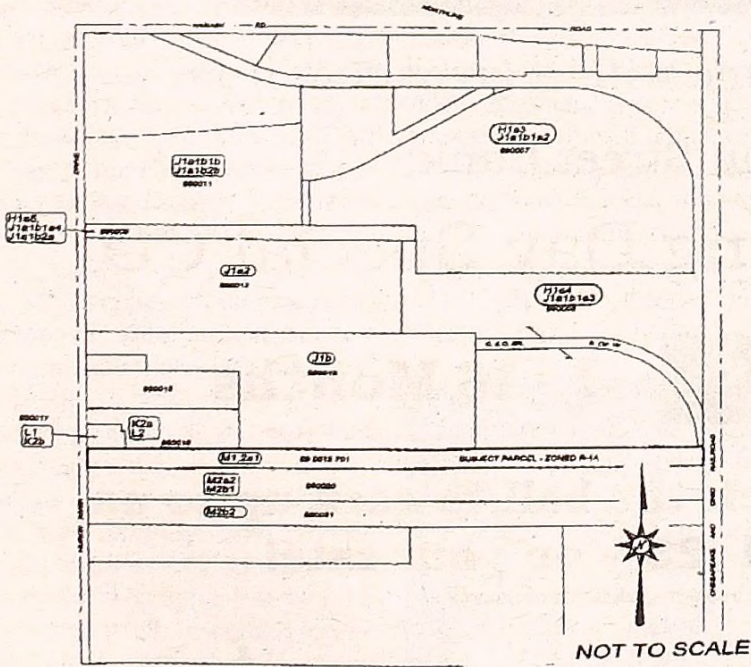
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Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended (The Michigan Zoning Enabling Act), notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 2007, for the purpose of considering a Special Land Use proposal. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Planning Commission has set the public hearing to consider a request for a facility to breed and train German Shepherds located on a 5+- acre parcel on the east side of South Huron River Drive between Eureka and Wabash Roads. Parcel# 82-80-114-99-001-8701. The parcel is zoned R1-A/Rural Character Overlay District. These types of facilities are permitted in the R1-A/Rural Character Overlay District, subject to Special Land Use Approval. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.



All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Monday, April 16, 2007, and should be addressed to Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR ELECTION - TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2007 VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS & LINCOLN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

To the Qualified Electors of CHARTER TOWNSHIP
OF VAN BUREN- WAYNE COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that Monday, April 9, 2007 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election.

If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the above stated jurisdiction in which you live, you may do so at the following locations and times listed in this notice.

Qualified electors may also register to vote or change their address in the following manners:

- In Person:**
- At the township clerk's office or at the office of any county clerk during normal business hours.
 - At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.
 - At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.
 - At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

- By Mail:**
- By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting:
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- Qualifications for Registration**
1. Applicant is at least 18 years of age.
 2. Resident of Van Buren Township for at least 30 days.
 3. Citizen of the United States.

Note:
A Person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the city/township where they live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the Clerk's Office. The deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the May 8, 2007 Election is Saturday, May 5, 2007, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Clerk's office.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

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SALUTE TO WOMEN IN BUSINESS

Across the nation, throughout our state, and in our community, there are more women-owned businesses than ever before. National statistics show that 85 percent of jobs in the country are created by small businesses, and now, more than ever, those businesses are owned by women.

We're featuring just a few who have taken on the challenge of entrepreneurship, some new to being an owner, some who have been on the job for many years. We salute them all for their American spirit and contributions to our community.

Local woman marks 30 years in real estate sales

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

When Ernestine Williams first got her real estate license in the late 1970s, the business of selling homes was mostly a man's domain.

Williams – the co-owner and real estate sales person who operates alongside her husband, Willie, at Red Carpet Keim in Inkster – said that real estate careers give women an opportunity to excel that is unlike other professions.

"Women see the home differently than men do," she said from her office last week. "We spend more time in the home, and we know what we want, and what we don't. We see a home as not only a place to create a great environment for a family, but also as a place that is functional."

Red Carpet Keim opened in 1976, and is now one of the oldest and most successful businesses in Inkster. Williams' future husband was already selling real estate

when the pair met. Williams was working as a secretary at the University of Michigan surgery department. First, love struck, followed by the need for a flexible work and the desire for a better income.

"At first, it was meant to be part-time," Williams said. "But soon it became full time."

She's seen a lot in her nearly 30 years in real estate. The trends toward bigger homes and an upward mobility within all sectors of society have created opportunities – and also obstacles – for both homeowners and agents.

"When I started selling homes, people would buy one home, and stay there for 25 years," she said. "Now, people are constantly looking to move up, and usually to newer suburbs. It's actually amazing how things have shifted. We saw it most during the mid- to late-1990s."

The homes themselves have changed, too.

"Some of the houses they're building in



Ernestine Williams, the co-owner of Red Carpet Keim in Inkster, in the conference room at the office when the business has been located for 28 years.

places like Canton Township are what I would have considered to be almost like a castle at the beginning of my career," she said.

Currently, the real estate market is uncharted water, said Williams.

"There are more foreclosures than anything I've ever seen out there," she said. "You can't drive down a street in some areas and not have a home that's in foreclosure – and it's everywhere, not just poor communities. It's something we've never seen in Michigan."

Williams said several factors created the situation.

"Yes, people have lost their jobs, and the automotive industry – which has been very good to us – has had some problems," she said. "But there's other factors, lenders gave people 'super mortgages,'

requirements loosened considerably – all of these things affected the market."

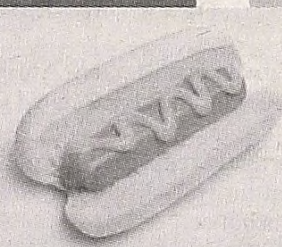
A good agent is a confidante that can help people make decisions that are sound, Williams said.

"We try to answer questions and get people into a home that suits their needs, and that they can afford," she said. "We advise people on things they need to get in order – like their credit – before they start the process."

So what does Williams like best about her job?

"I like working with people," she said. "You have to be very people-oriented and service-minded to be successful in this profession."

"It's wonderful to be able to help people achieve what for most has been a long-term dream."



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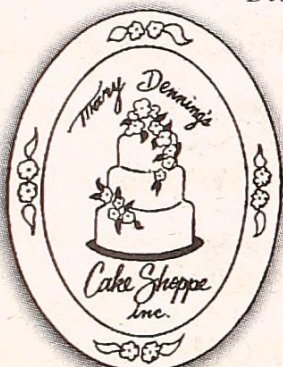
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Gluten free products on 'rise'

For the past 15 years, Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe in Westland has provided tasty treats for residents with a sweet tooth.

Now, a whole new crop of residents will be able to benefit from Denning's culinary skill as gluten-free desserts make their way onto the menu.

According to Denning, the expansion to the menu came about by chance as a customer asked one day why they didn't offer gluten-free options and mentioned that she had to travel to a bakery near Selfridge Air Force Base to find such treats.

For those suffering from a celiac disease, the flour that is a standard ingredient in most baked goods can cause serious health problems.

Denning looked into the situation and found that tracking down gluten-free baked goods is difficult because bakers need completely separate equipment to ensure that there is no cross-contamination and because the specialty flours, such as potato or rice, needed are more expensive than the usual grain flours.

Just being gluten-free isn't enough.

"I've got to make sure they taste good," she said. "If they don't, what's the point?"

The results are stupendous. Cookies—including chocolate chip, butter, and peanut butter—muffins, tuxedo bars, and more are readily available and their taste is indistinguishable from those made with traditional flours. Gluten-free birthday cakes are also available on a pre-order basis.

Salon proves beautiful partnership

Lester L. Holmes, Jr.
Staff Writer

Two Plymouth businesswomen have combined the principles of old-fashioned family-like teamwork and customer service with new age style and energy to create the complete hair styling experience.

"Our clients feel that connection amongst us. We are all like family," said Tammy Cuppetilli, who along with Kim Meyers owns Q Hair Salon, a full service hair care station that already has developed a reputation for excellent service.

Washing, coloring and styling hair is a life's passion for Cuppetilli and Myers who became friends while working together at the salon they now own. According to Cuppetilli, the duo always talked about owning a business. When the previous owner of the hair salon located decided to pursue other interests, they realized their chance had arrived.

"Things fell into place. It was meant to be," said Meyers who jumped at the chance to acquire the shop when it became available.

"I wanted to go into business for a long time," she added.

Since taking over the shop in February, Cuppetilli and Meyers made some changes to the design of the salon. Their goal is to keep the shop appealing for their female customers while bringing an edge to attract more male clientele.

Despite some minor changes to the appearance, the staff stayed in place. The group of 16 employees is so connected that the last two previous owners of the salon now work as employees.

The ladies at Q also take seriously their responsibility of being active participants in the Old Village business community. Meyers, whose been a part of the

Plymouth community for more than 20 years, said the salon often gives their customers gift certificates from Old Village merchants and restaurants to keep business flowing in the community.

"It's important for us to do our part in promoting Old Village," she said.

Both women agree that the key to their success is their love for work. They encourage others who are considering business ownership to follow their heart and dreams when investing in a profession.

"I love what I do. I don't feel like I'm coming to work, said Cuppetilli who makes the drive in from Canton every morning. She also added that the thought of owning a business is scary at times but, you can overcome it with faith and desire.

"If you love what you do, do it. Don't ever fall short because of fear," she said.

Q Hair Studio is located on 630 Starkweather St. in the Old Village section of Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 927-6690.



Tammy Cuppetilli and Kim Myes are the co-owners of Q Hair Studio in Plymouth.

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Saylor is the founder of a revolutionary center dedicated to helping young and old alike to reach their maximum potential.

The Grand Scheme Enrichment Center, located at 238 S. Main St. in downtown Plymouth, is a venue geared toward improving lives and expanding personal creativity.

Saylor is an author and life coach specializing in assisting people in getting what they really want in life. She has coached a variety of people from business professionals to at-home moms to get clear on their goals and help set them on the right track for attaining them.

"Coaching has been called the emerging force behind the next generation of successful leaders. It provides the framework to transform your personal skills and knowledge into focused successful living," said the Plymouth resident and mother.

Saylor will present a seminar, *What's Holding You Back* at 6 p.m. April 11. The seminar was developed to help people attain success in the various areas of their lives including physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual. The cost of the event is \$25. Attendees will gain an understanding of what is keeping them from attaining their goals but more importantly what actions will allow them to take control and begin making their dreams a reality, Saylor said.

More events are listed at www.JaneSaylor.com.

Designer prevents mistakes

Tucked away in Plymouth's Old Village is a place where houses become homes.

Dawn McAllister, owner and operator of Designer's Choice on Starkweather Street, has spent most of her life in the interior design business. She started as a teen working for her parents branched out to a few furniture stores and opened her own business in Plymouth more than 20 years ago.

Her career started in the 1960s when she worked in her parents' wallpaper and drapery shop in downtown Northville.

There have been plenty of changes in the field during the past 40 years, but the concept of what she does has not: she works with clients to design a long-lasting, high quality and individual layout in any type of home.

The advent of the Internet and more

discount stores have turned more people toward cheaper furniture and accessories, though. McAllister, who works with her own contractors to come up with customized designs—anything from carpets to couches to hand made cabinetry—said the interior design business is still strong and can still be beneficial to homeowners.

"We save them from mistakes," she said. "We're going to give them a beautiful concept that's going to last."

McAllister said an initial consultation is often all it takes. She can work with what the homeowner already has in their homes; build from that or start anew—it depends on the client.

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Realtors provide 'Dynamic' service

Whether looking for that first home, downsizing for retirement or looking for more room for a growing family, the women at Century 21 Dynamic in Westland can meet clients' real estate needs.

The five have an accumulated 100 years of experience working in real estate and understand the needs of the families they serve.

Debbie deGuise is a Westland native with 20 years experience in real estate. She is married with four children and her oldest son recently joined the Navy. DeGuise is the

co-broker owner of Century 21 Dynamic and still lives in the area.

Co-broker/owner of Century 21 Dynamic is Chris Peterson, who has been affiliated with Century 21 for all of her 20-year career. She, too,

was born and raised in the community. She and her husband of 27 years have three children.

Carol Baker has been a Realtor for more than 25 years and has spent most of her career at Century 21.

Now that her three children are grown, she is a full-time manager and has an all around expertise with her clients.

The current market is nothing she hasn't seen and survived, she

said, and she is confident it will turn around.

Noel Derr describes herself as, "the epitome of a national statistic." She lives, works, volunteers and raised her family within a few miles of where she began.

Derr has been married for nearly 16 years and has four children. She has been a Realtor at Century 21 Dynamic for all nine years of her career.

"I especially love and specialize in first-time home buyers. They are the most grateful people," she said.

Marietta Jones has been a Realtor for more than 10 years and earned an architectural degree from Lawrence Tech.

Jones has been married for 10 years and has two sons.

Kim McGue is also a lifetime resident of the Wayne-Westland area.

She has been working in real estate for more than seven years and is also active with fundraising for charities and in community events.

No matter what the real estate need might be, the Realtors at Century 21 Dynamic try to live up to their name and serve their clients' needs.



Chris Peterson



Debbie deGuise



Marietta Jones



Noel Derr



Carol Baker



Kim McGue

Public safety millage to be on Aug. 7 ballot

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Van Buren Township officials have approved an Aug. 7 consolidated election for a public safety millage.

The millage will be a five-year, 1-mill increase, which is currently at 3 mills and set to expire this year. If approved, the millage will go into effect in 2008 to fund public services.

"The department of public safety is funded by the previous millage, the landfill fund and the general fund budget," said Jerry Champagne, director of public safety. "The township has experienced much growth and, with the surrounding lake, railways, roads and increase for service calls, we need to increase the needs for service."

The 4 mills would not only help fund increased service for the police and fire departments, but also reduce overall response time, Champagne said.

"By creating a five beat patrol, opposed to the current three-zone system, it would mean more police cars on the roads for more visibility and decreased crime," he said. "We also want to create a special investigation unit and fill the four-hour gap with a duty crew. The bottom line is when time matters we want to meet the emergency needs of the community."

Trustee Phil Hart said this millage is a conservative approach to help the police department.

"It's so they can help us when needed because you never know when you're going to need this service," he said.

"I'm very supportive of this. It's not funds being used or brick and mortar. It's for real service."

The fire department would like to cover the current gap in coverage and improve response time on the south side of the township and implement programs including an Explorer program for recruits, Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT) medical support and a fire chaplain program.

Supervisor Cindy King said the township has attempted to plan for the future. Twenty years ago, the police department was on duty from 8 a.m. to midnight and that just doesn't work now with more than 20,000 residents, she said.

"I suspect that most new residents aren't aware of our paid, on-call fire department either," said King. "The 1-mill increase would

improve services. It makes a big difference when a firefighter or policeman arrives within three minutes instead of five."

Resident Paul White said this millage is a small price to pay for the service it will provide.

"I appreciate director Champagne bringing this to us," said White. "He and the people under him are our first line of defense and because of the town-

ship growth, this is a much needed millage. The price we pay is absolutely nothing if you have to call 911 to be transported to the hospital. It's critical to pull out all the stops in this type of action."

"We think we have a reasonable request with a 1-mill increase," said King. "We have used about \$3 million every year from the landfill fund and we are spending those dollars on a regular basis."

On the job

Ofc. Patrick Wehrman was sworn in recently during the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees meeting by Jerry Champagne, director of public safety and Capt. Ken Brooks. Wehrman was a police officer for the City of Belleville for more than two years before joining the Van Buren force.



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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES MARCH 20, 2007

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: Trustee Clair. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Public Safety Director Champagne, Parks and Recreation Director Ross, Fire Chief Nicholai, Planning and Economic Development Deputy Director Swallow, Parks Manager Mulkey, Captain Brooks, Captain Laurain, Secretary Ireland and an audience of thirty-three (33).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jahr moved, Payne seconded to approve the agenda as amended to correct New Business Item #1 to reflect 4,207 sq. ft. instead of 3,835 sq. ft. and remove New Business Item #4: Consider approving the agreement with McKenna Associates to provide landscape design services for the Riggs Heritage Park located at 43275 E. Huron River Drive. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Hart moved, Payne seconded to open the public hearing to receive comments on the special land use request to construct a 4,207 sq. ft. Culvers Restaurant with a drive-thru window. Carried.

The item under consideration is approval of a special land use request to permit a drive-up window. The Planning Commission recommended approval of this request at the February 28, 2007 meeting. The applicant informed the audience that the proposed site is located at the southeast corner of Belleville Road and the I-94 North Service Drive. The site layout was described, traffic circulation, and that the driveway will be across from the existing driveway of CVS. There will be an outdoor patio, seating for 106 customers, 53 parking spaces and a landscape amenity has been added to the northwest corner of the site that ties into the [Downtown Development Authority] DDA Streetscape. Culvers restaurants have a unique drive-up window service in that all food is prepared fresh when ordered. At times this requires that the customer pull ahead into a waiting space and the order is brought out to the vehicle within a few minutes. There is not a heavy volume of drive-up window service; most customers go inside to dine. Audience members voiced concerns about minimum number of parking and stacking spaces, traffic flow and site distance. The audience was informed that because of the traffic flow and site distance, Wayne County will only allow one driveway and that it must line-up with the driveway across the street.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Hart moved, Budd seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

Payne moved, Budd seconded to open the public hearing to receive comments on the special approval use request to construct a Planned Residential Development on a parcel of land known as V125-83-120-99-0005-703, approximately 123.13 acres on the south side of Bog Road just east of Rawsonville Road. Carried.

Director Kelley advised that the Board was being asked to consider the special approval use request for a PRD known as Steeplechase. Further, that while there is currently a suspension on PRD's in the Township, this is a pipeline project [meaning it was already in process] and had been submitted prior to the suspension. The applicant informed the audience that this project consists of 123 +/- acres and proposes a 227 unit Planned Residential Development on property that is zoned R-1A, Single Family Residential. Proposed are 147 detached single family units and 80 attached units which are mostly 4-unit buildings. Bog Road is proposed to be paved from the eastern development entrance west to Rawsonville Road with 65.52 acres to remain as open space. The amenities discussed include park areas, a clubhouse, tennis and basketball court(s), walking trails, wetlands, wooded area and ponds which will be fenced for safety. Traffic and the intersection of Bog and Rawsonville were of major concern and a condition of the project will include improvements to the intersection and to ease the wait time for turning. Out of 33 people in the audience, six (6) individuals spoke on the subject matter including congested roads, the housing transition from east to west including the buffering between the proposed development and the manufactured community to the west, landscaping at each entrance of the development, safety of the ponds, the calculation on the number of units, adequate funding of the homeowners association and clarification of the area of Bog Road to be hard surfaced. Two of the audience members felt this was a quality development that would enhance the neighborhood, and even though some units are attached; each unit will be individually owned and occupied. This provides for a wider variety of housing stock to meet peoples varied requirements. One (1) e-mail received from a resident on Bog Road requested consideration be given to the number of attached units so as not to impact property values and excessive traffic volume along Bog Road and at the Bog and Rawsonville Road intersection.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

MINUTES: Rochowiak moved, Budd seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of March 5, 2007 as presented. Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the Closed Session Minutes of March 5, 2007 as presented. Carried.

Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2007 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor King acknowledged Patrick Wehrman as a new police officer. Director Champagne, Trustee Hart, Trustee Rochowiak and Captain Brooks presented him with his badge.

Captain Ken Brooks was nominated and appointed to the Board of Directors of Growth Works.

The Van Buren Township Fire Department is hosting a CPR and Automated Defibrillator Class for area citizens on April 13 from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. and April 14, 2007 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The fee is \$10 to cover nominal costs and certification cards that will be issued upon completion of the course.

Clerk Payne announced that the annual cemetery clean-up will occur at the Denton, Soop, Otisville and Tyler Cemeteries beginning Saturday, March 24, 2007 through

April 4, 2007. Any items left at gravesites will be removed. New items may be placed at gravesites beginning April 5, 2007.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Payne moved, Budd seconded to approve the special land use request to construct a 4,207 sq. ft. Culvers Restaurant with a drive-thru window on a parcel of land located at the southeast corner of Belleville Road and the I-94 North Service Drive, in accordance with the planning consultants recommendation letter dated February 26, 2007 and the Planning Commission minutes of February 28, 2007. Carried.

Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the special approval use request to construct a Planned Residential Development on a parcel of land known as V125-83-120-99-0005-703, approximately 123.13 acres on the south side of Bog Road just east of Rawsonville Road in accordance with the planning consultants recommendation letter dated January 2, 2007 and Planning Commission minutes of June 14, 2006. ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas: Hart, Budd, Rochowiak, Payne and King Nays: Jahr. Absent and excused: Clair. Carried.

Payne moved, Jahr seconded to approve the agreement between Van Buren Township and ETC for hazard abatement of the Riggs house located at 43275 E. Huron River Drive pending Township legal review and acceptance of the proposed changes to the agreement as well as the submission of a project schedule and scope as required by the agreement and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Carried.

Budd moved, Jahr seconded to approve bid package documents for the front entrance renovation at Van Buren Park noting the change in Submittal Instructions item #3 late submittals "may result" is changed to, "will result" in rejection of the package. Carried.

Budd moved, Payne seconded to approve the demolition contract for 42119 Richmond Drive with VanAssche Construction in the amount of \$7,340 and authorize the Supervisor to execute the contract, [noting 94% of the contract funding is by the insurance company's deposit with the Township and the balance of \$461 of demolition costs and \$736 in administration costs to be funded by the property owner either by direct payment or lien on the property]. Carried.

Jahr moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve Resolution 2007-17, Wayne County Annual Permit A-07045 and Resolution 2007-18, Block Party and Road Closure Permit A-07027. Carried.

Payne moved, Jahr seconded to approve distribution of the Draft South Side Master Plan dated March 16, 2007 as recommended by the Planning Commission on February 16, 2007. Carried.

Budd moved, Payne seconded to approve final preliminary plat for Bedford Cove Subdivision, a 201 unit Planned Residential Development on 94.58 acres located on the south side of Huron River Drive between Hoeft and Elwell Roads and approve the Planned Residential Development (PRD) Agreement [in accordance with the planning consultants letter dated February 8, 2007, Planning Commission Minutes of February 14, 2007 and attorney review letter dated February 21, 2007]. ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas: Payne, Rochowiak, Hart, Budd and King. Nays: Jahr. Absent and excused: Clair. Carried.

Hart moved, Jahr seconded to approve Resolution 2007-19, approval of Public Safety Millage ballot language and to authorize the Clerk to submit said ballot language to the County Clerk of Wayne for placement on the August 7, 2007 Consolidated Election. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the March 20, 2007 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Treasurer Budd announced that dog licenses are in and the Drive Thru Dog Clinic will take place on Saturday, May 5, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Water and Sewer Building.

Tax records have been balanced and delivered to Wayne County. The treasurer expressed her thanks to her staff for the fine job they had done.

Again, the Clerk announced that the annual cemetery clean-up will occur at the Denton, Soop, Otisville and Tyler Cemeteries beginning Saturday, March 24, 2007 through April 4, 2007. Any items left at gravesites will be removed. New items may be placed at gravesites beginning April 5, 2007.

The Recreation Department announced the following events. The Marshmallow Drop will be held on Saturday March 31 at 10:00 a.m. at Quirk Park Ball Diamond with a rain date of Sunday, April 1, 2007. The Pancake Breakfast will be held prior to the Marshmallow Drop from 8:00 a.m. – 9:20 a.m. in the gym. The cost is \$5. Two (2) Detroit Tiger trips have been scheduled with the Kansas City Royals on Saturday, July 21, 2007 and on Friday, August 10, 2007 with the Oakland A's. Both games start at 7:05 p.m. with a fireworks display after the game. The cost is \$15 per person which covers transportation, admission and bus parking. For additional information contact the Recreation Department at 734.699.8926.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): A Township resident expressed concern about building requirements for property near his home.

Resident advised that orange jugs continue to be along Beck Road where oil has been dumped and he would like Wayne County to clean it up.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Jahr moved, Payne seconded to adjourn at 10:26 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

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SPORTS

Lady Chief shortstop earns EMU scholarship

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Lauren Delapaz has been playing softball practically since she could walk.

So it's no surprise that the Canton Lady Chief senior shortstop and slugger will take her well-honed skills to the next level.

She signed her letter of intent to play her favorite sport for the Eagles of Eastern Michigan University on a full scholarship—a choice she made from nine other schools that were vying for her attention.

"I liked it when I went there," said the future Eastern Star. "I was really comfortable; the girls welcomed me and the coaches were really nice and they're up and coming. The coach has only been there for five years so she's starting to really revamp the program. I really liked the program and the setting."

While there she plans to study education and become a teacher.

Her father, a Wayne State University alumni and star baseball player that nearly made it to the minors, started her at an early age. She took off and never

looked back.

"He's excited because I'm following in his footsteps," she said. "I think he's happier knowing that I'm doing what I want to do. He doesn't want to force me to do something."

"There was never a time I wanted to stop playing softball," she added. "There were times where I had to choose between one sport or another but it was always softball—without a doubt."

The many years of training and dedication paid off. Delapaz, also a standout on the basketball team, is a four-year varsity starter. She has impeccable skills at shortstop and wields a heavy stick when at the plate as one of the team's top hitters. She said her skills are practically second nature.

"I grew up playing softball and baseball and it's just what I do," she said.

Right now she is gearing up with the rest of the Lady Chiefs for another season.

Delapaz was the number-four hitter for the last three years and will move up to the three-spot, a

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Canton's senior shortstop Lauren Delapaz warms up at practice last week. She recently signed accepted a full scholarship to play softball at Eastern Michigan University.

Mustang soccer ready to race

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Don't call it a comeback, because the Northville Lady Mustangs are never down or out.

Even though this year's team is down nine seniors, Northville will definitely be in the run to make it back to the state finale this season. If so, it will be the third time in four years they have done so.

Three years ago the Lady 'Stangs won the whole thing and then fell short the following year. They returned to the final last year but lost to nemesis Novi.

On Friday, the starter gun sounded and the Mustangs were

off and running in the race to the top.

South Lyon was the first to fall. Northville out shot the Lions, 12-1, gaining a 3-0 shutout victory. The contest serves as the season opener after last Wednesday's game against Novi was cancelled due to poor field conditions.

The team is led by four returning seniors that represent all areas of the field. Speedster and super-scorer Danielle Toney is back at forward. She missed the first game while playing for the United States Olympic Developmental Team in Brazil.

Kristen Slack heads the

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Plymouth goalie Michal Neuvirth attempts a glove save against Guelph's McLean in the first playoff game of 2007. The Whalers won the game, 3-2. Plymouth went on to beat the Storm, 5-3, at Guelph on Sunday. The Whalers lead the series, 2-0, as of Monday night. Photo by Ken Garner.

Whalers lead Storm, 2-0, in playoffs

Renee White
Staff Writer

After trailing for two periods, the Plymouth Whalers came back to beat the visiting Guelph Storm, 3-2, in their first playoff game Saturday night.

Evan Brophey, who led the Whalers in points during the regular season, scored the game-winning overtime goal at 2:14. Chris Terry assisted.

Guelph scored both of their goals in the first period. The first, by Jamie Arniel, came just 50 seconds in on their first shot. The second, by Matt Kennedy, came at 17:05.

Plymouth answered Arniel's goal at 10:08 in the first period, when Sean O'Connor slipped in a pass from defenseman Steve Whitely. Andrew Fournier also assisted on the goal.

The Whalers turned the game around at 13:21 in the third period, when Daniel Ryder scored from right in front

of the net, in heavy traffic. Dan Collins and James Neal assisted on the goal.

Michal Neuvirth made 32 saves for the Whalers, and Thomas McCollum made 23 saves for the Storm.

Whalers head coach Mike Vellucci said it was Ryder's game-tying goal that gave the Whalers the ability to come back and win the game.

"I thought we struggled early on," Vellucci said. "We got more momentum after [Ryder's] goal."

Whalers captain Steve Ward also recognized the team's less-than-stellar early play.

"The whole team struggled," Ward said. "As a group, we said, 'Let's just relax and play our game.' We were playing like we were really anxious."

The Whalers and the Storm are no strangers to each other. Guelph has eliminated the Whalers in the playoffs two of the past three years.

Ward, who is playing in his third playoff season for Plymouth, said that the Whalers are a really different team this year.

"We need to concentrate on playing our game," Ward said. "We can be our own worst enemy sometimes."

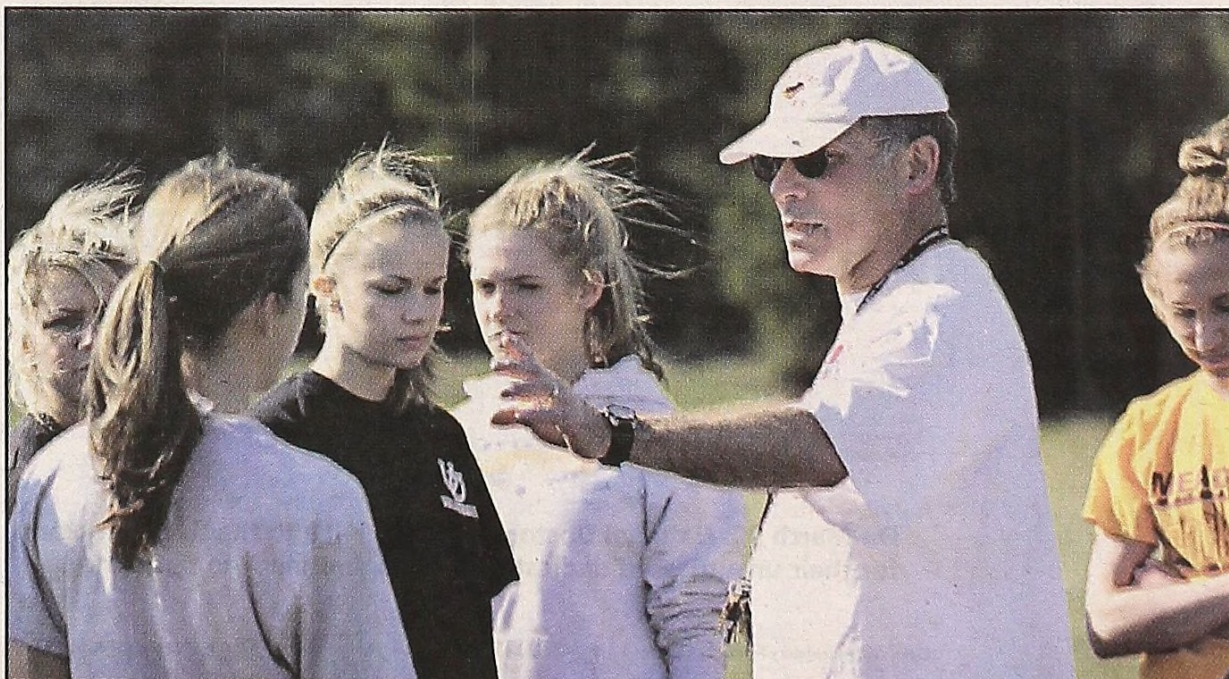
Assistant captain Jared Boll, a draft pick of the Columbus Blue Jackets, agreed.

"We try not to look back," Boll said. "We need to play the way we've been playing all year and hopefully we'll come out on top."

The Whalers ended the regular season second in the Western Conference and second in the Ontario Hockey League with 103 points, the most points the team has earned since 1999.

A notable return to the lineup on Saturday was Neal, who played in his first game since

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Northville Coach Ron Meteyer instructs his Lady Mustang soccer squad before practice last week. It paid off as Northville went on to beat South Lion, 3-0, on Friday night.

SPORTS

Belleville Lady Tigers ready for softball season

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

With the temperatures on the upswing, the Belleville Lady Tigers hope they are the ones that will heat up the softball fields this spring.

The talented team was up and down last year but put together enough wins to earn a district championship and move on to the regional rounds.

"We just hope to pick up where we left off last year," said Belleville Coach Peggy Curtis, who is starting her 29th year as varsity coach.

The Lady Tigers will have some ground to make up with the loss of five seniors from last year's roster. Notable losses include: Taylor Janus at third; catcher Vanessa Rivas and Tiffany Jablonski at second base—all were big hitters for

the team.

Belleville has eight returning in key positions, though, including three seniors.

Hillary Ivan brings her skills back to shortstop. She is a four-year starter and will add leadership to the crew.

"She goes out there and does her job and has gotten better and better," Curtis said. "She's much more comfortable this year and is looking to pick up more responsibility."

Jasmine "Blue" Haralson will move from first to third base. Brandi Craig is back to lead the outfield.

Although the offense took a hit with the loss of Janus, it was Craig and Haralson in the 3-4 spots that were the team's leading sluggers last year.

"Janus is a bat that we have to

make up for," Curtis said. "Craig and Haralson were are top hitters last year and we have a lot of young kids that are working really hard and will make an impact."

Back as juniors are Jessica Kovach, who will take on second base duties, and the versatile Lacey Marcotte, who will be used as an infield utility player. Kendall Aho will split time behind the plate, catching, and in the outfield.

The real strength of the team can be found at the center of the infield with pitching sensation Samantha Cole. As a freshman hurler last year she led the team to the regional tournament and was one of the more proficient pitchers in the Mega Red league.

Another sophomore, Casey Porzondek, backs Cole in the circle. She will miss some of the season while rehabbing an injury but

will add solid relief when she returns.

"They both worked hard in the off season to get better," Curtis said. "Pitching will keep us in every game."

However, pitching is the strength of most of the teams in the Mega Red.

"Our league has outstanding pitching," Curtis said. "Batting averages last year weren't very good through the league because of the pitching"

Joining the team this year is Danielle Stabnau, who will see some time pitching, catching and in the outfield if needed.

Although the sights are set high, Curtis takes it one step at a time in a tough league.

"Our first goal is to capture the league championship—we haven't won one in a while," she said.

"Then, of course, districts and regionals. We always shoot for going as far as we can. We can't look past anyone."

Belleville kicked off its season this week against Lincoln Park at home but the results were unavailable at press time. The Lady Tigers host Taylor Truman in a doubleheader at 4 p.m. on Friday. Then they head to Monroe for a 4 p.m. contest on Monday and return home to host Taylor Kennedy at 4 p.m. on Wednesday.

Experienced Lady Chiefs softball aims high

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Experience is the name of the game in high school sports and the Canton Lady Chiefs softball team has plenty of it.

The roster is stacked with nine returning and very experienced seniors—a thought that makes Canton Coach Jim Arnold's eyes widen in excitement.

"It feels good, because the knowledge and leadership is there but bad because this is their last year," he said. "When I look at this team I see senior leadership. These girls are on a mission. And I think they are hungry and they know that it is their last year and they have a lot to prove."

The team will rely heavily on nine seniors, including: Kim Beaudoin and Mary Kate

McWhirter; outfielders Laura Ditzler, Alyssa Johnson, and Abbey Skrzypek; pitcher/outfielder Stephanie Sadek; pitcher/infielder Sarah Anthony; infielder Kim Kappen; and shortstop Lauren Delapaz.

Delapaz, who recently signed to play at Eastern Michigan University on a full scholarship (see related story pg. 12), is ready to get the ball rolling.

"I'm anxious to start playing," she said. "We're going to have a really good team and we hope to go really far."

"We feel that this year is the year that we can go all of the way because we have so much talent and so much potential," she added. "If everyone can start working as a team right off the bat than we can go from

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The Detroit Ignition secured playoff berth with a 17-8 win over the California Cougars at home on Friday. Detroit and League-leading scorer Jamar Beasley lead the team with six points. That boosted him 100 points on the season. Jonathan Greenfield added four points. Hewerton, Ricardinho (above), Carlos Frias and Josh Rife each scored two-pointers. Detroit lost the second installment of the home-and-home series, 18-12, at California on Saturday. Beasley reached 104 points on the season with two two-pointers. The Ignition is at home against the Chicago Storm at 4:35 pm on April 1.

Photo by Ken Garner



Delapaz

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will move up to the three-spot, a decision made by Canton Coach Jim Arnold. "Lauren has a great work ethic," he said. "She's been playing ball for a very long time and has a nice fluid motion, great eye for the game and hits very well. She's just great all-around athlete and a great personality and very respectful."

Delapaz is just one of nine seniors coming back this season to lend experi-

ence and provide leadership in a season that some believe is the team's best chance to win a state championship.

"Lauren, I believe, is a born leader and she does it in a very positive way," Arnold said.

"We have some younger girls on the team and we're working with them and Lauren is teaching them how to play the shortstop position the correct way and Lauren has always played it correctly. She's probably the best athlete and shortstop that I have had since I've been here."

That's a tall order but, then again, that's what she does.

Chiefs

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there and keep going strong."

Also coming back for another year is sophomore Shelby Anthony, who will help in the infield and returning to the mound is junior hurling sensation Hillary Payne, who will lead the pitching troupe.

"We're going to have a really good year," Payne said. "We have really good chemistry this year and everyone is really close and I think that we're going to come together and have a great, fun season."

With a solid core in the circle and senior leadership around the field Arnold is banking on defense carrying the team through the season.

"We pride ourselves on defense and I think I have a really strong defense this year," he said. "I'm blessed with three great pitchers. I have Hillary Payne and Sarah Anthony and I also have a freshman, Amy Dunleavy, that is playing for

us and she's going to do really good."

The offense isn't too bad, either.

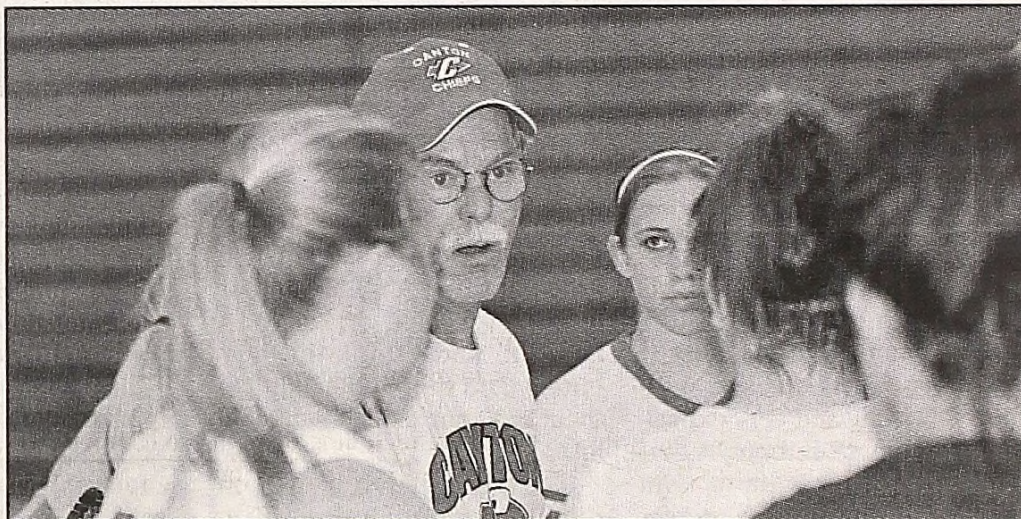
Arnold said although the team's strengths are pitching and defense, seven of his starting nine lineup are exceptional hitters.

Experience or not, the pressure is on the team that has won the conference title in each of the last four years but hasn't found a way out of the regional tournament.

"I think other people put pressure on us but we don't look at it that way," Payne said. "We just want to have fun and do our best. I don't think that we feel any pressure right now."

The restructuring of districts and regions should help but beyond that it is in the hands of the players.

"We have a great opportunity to go farther than we did last year," Arnold said. "You take one game at a time and try not to focus on anything beyond that and whatever happens happens. (The girls) know they have the talent and everything they need to go past the regionals, but it's up to them. If they come together as a team we'll be fine."



Canton Coach Jim Arnold talks with the Canton Lady Chiefs at a practice in Canton's gym last week as they prepare for the their season opener this week.

NOTICE

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN, FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2007

To the qualified Electors of the Romulus Community School District, County of Wayne, State of Michigan:

Notice is hereby given that, in conformity with the "Michigan Election Laws," I, the undersigned City Clerk, will upon any day EXCEPT Sunday, a legal holiday, and the day of any regular or special election, shall receive for registration the name of any resident not registered, who may APPLY for such registration EXCEPT during the time intervening between the CLOSE of Registration for the Annual School Election and the day of such election.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that voter registrations will be taken at any Secretary of State branch office or, in the Office of the City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485 between the hours of:

Monday thru Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

AND THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER

Monday, April 9, 2007- 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For the purpose of REVIEWING THE REGISTRATION LIST AND REGISTER-ING such of the qualified electors that shall properly apply therefor, the name of no person but an ACTUAL RESIDENT of the Romulus Community School District, at the time of registration, and entitled under the Constitution, if remaining such resident, to vote at the next election shall be entered in the registration book.

The following vacancies for member of the Board of Education will be voted upon in the Romulus Community School District:

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This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Romulus Community Schools, County of Wayne, Michigan. Pursuant to Section 168.498 Michigan Election Law.

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If any such owner, agent or occupant of such land shall refuse to destroy such noxious weeds or cause them to be destroyed, it shall be the duty of the Noxious Weed Commissioner to enter upon such land and destroy such noxious weeds.

Nothing in this notice shall apply to weeds in fields devoted to growing any small grain crop such as wheat, oats, barley or rye.

All weeds not cut by May 1, 2007 will be cut by the City and the owner of the property will be charged with the cost. Subsequent violations will result in additional cuttings and will be done as often as necessary when vegetation reaches 12 inches in height and/or seed bearing stage.

Any expense incurred in such destruction shall be paid by the owner or owners of such land, and the city shall have a lien against such land for such expense. Any owner who shall refuse to destroy such noxious weeds shall also be subject to a fine of not more than \$100.00 per cutting in the discretion of the court.

All refuse and debris on the given owners property will be removed by the City at the owners' expense.

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SPORTS

Leaps and bounds

Salem track and field grows in numbers, experience

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Somebody should have given Salem track and field coach Kyle Meteyer an old piece of advice: be careful what you wish for.

Although, in this case, it's a good thing nobody did.

At the end of last year the second-year coach challenged his young athletes to make a difference in the off-season to get their friends—athletic and otherwise—out for the team this year.

Well, he got what he asked for: The team grew by leaps and bounds.

This year's team showcases 40 new track and field hopefuls, not including the freshmen class.

"Our team has nearly doubled in size," Meteyer said. "My long-term strategy includes getting as many kids out for the team as possible, as track is one of the few sports where all kids get a chance every meet."

"I think there's a buzz in the school because our student body is finally realizing that the success of the track team feeds into the success of our other speed, power and endurance-dependent sports," he added.

On the first day of practice the gym was filled with 87 athletes. Now, with the first meet on Saturday drawing to a near, the team is up to 98.

"Some of the new athletes are the ones that I'm most excited about," he said.

"Let's just say that we've got a lot of potential talent on our team. It's up to these kids and our coaches to see how well that talent can do."

To help with the size of the team, Salem only graduated six seniors off the roster from last year.

Leading the distance runners is Kevin deBear, who had an outstanding cross-country season, according to Meteyer. Craig Cowing and Rob Curtis will challenge him in the distance events.

"I expect (de Bear) to work hard to have an equally good or better track season," Meteyer said.

Meteyer has all of his sprinters returning, including the team's highest point-grabber, hurdler Baze Efremov. With sprinters like Adam Kashoro back, Meteyer said he is looking forward to piecing together the relay teams.

"We made some real progress in our 4x100 relay at the end of last year and I think we'll do much better in sprints this year," he added.

The Rocks will be just as tough in the field events where the team is returning all of its throwers and jumpers.

Mo Saiddi was the team's best thrower last year and will be challenged by Jason Williams, James Crabill and freshman Eddie Merhi. In jumps, Jace Bearden will make an impact in high jump and JP Truesdell did a nice job in pole vault and is returning with high expectations of himself, according to Meteyer.

Meteyer set a number of goals for the season, including being more competitive in every dual meet and for the team to score big at invitationals.

"They're all attainable, realistic goals and if we achieve any of them, we will have improved from last year," he said. "This is a huge building year for us and what we do this year will carry over into the future."

The Rocks head to the Huron River Relays at an Eastern Michigan University at 10 a.m. on Saturday. The first home meet is against Churchill at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 19.

Whalers

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Feb. 15. He has been out with a knee injury.

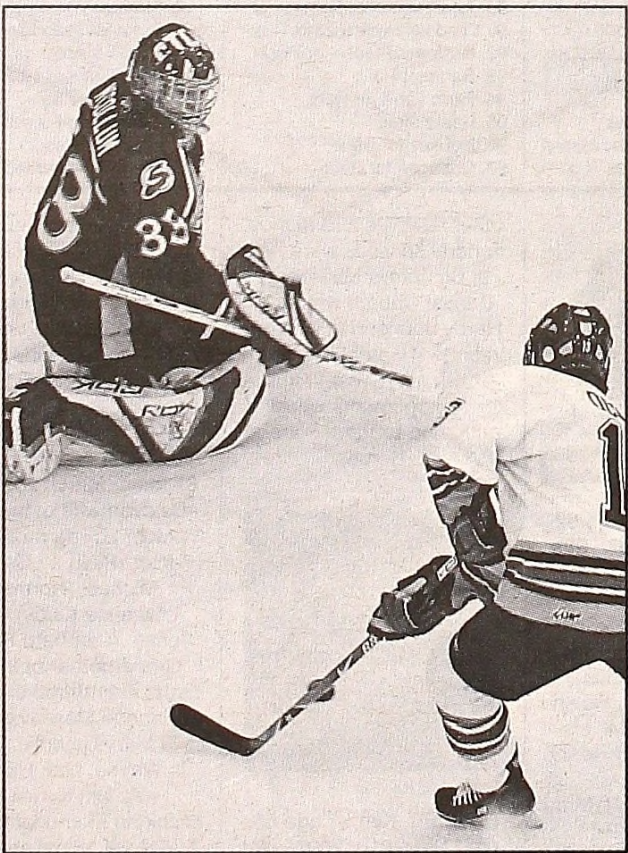
"[Neal] played really well," Vellucci said. "He was a big part of the team for being out of the line-up for so long."

Vellucci believes the Whalers will win the series and move on to the second round if they work extremely hard.

"We need to get at least three [goals] in every game to beat Guelph," Vellucci said.

"That's the kind of team they are."

The Whalers played the third game in the best-of-seven series Tuesday night, but the outcome was not known at press time. Check www.journalgroup.com for updates. Their next game is at 7 p.m. on Thursday at Guelph.



Plymouth right-winger Sean O'Connor breaks away to take on Guelph goalie Thomas McCollum his shot was good to tie Saturday's game, 1-1. O'Connor also scored what would be the eventual winner on Sunday in Guelph. Sunday's power-play goal snapped a 3-3 tie and led the Whalers to a 5-3 victory.

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SPORTS

Wildcats look to improve 11-18 record

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Plymouth varsity baseball team fell short of expectations last year with its first-ever senior class on hand.

The Wildcats aim at righting that this year with a new season under way.

The Wildcats finished the season with an 11-18 record and were knocked out in the first round of district play last year.

The good thing for Plymouth—and probably a bad thing for the rest of the Western Lakes conference—is the team has nine players returning to the lineup, six of them starters.

Leading the pack of seniors in their last year is captain Ben Kozmalski at second base.

“He’s a three-year varsity starter,” said Plymouth Coach Chuck Adams. “He’s a gutsy, gritty player who plays the game with passion.”

Speedy three-year all-division senior Matt Barrera returns to first base after spending last year as the team’s centerfielder.

Tyler Locklear, another senior, three-year starter is back as an outfielder and pitcher. Plymouth Coach Chuck Adams said he has the trifecta of baseball necessities with good speed, a good bat and a good arm.

Ryan Valle is a senior three-year starter in the outfield and designated hitter.

“He has good speed and a good bat,” Adams said. “He’s another hard-working young man who will provide excellent senior leadership on and off the field.”

Representing the junior class is Garret Rebain. He returns behind the dish and might also see some time on the mound if Adams deems it necessary.

Ronnie Goble is a returning sophomore starter. Adams describes the outfielder and pitcher as a hard working, strong, talented five-tool player that will provide a heavy stick in the middle of the lineup.

Other senior returnees include Tim Kweicien (pitcher, first base), Mike Michno (catcher) and Steve Lozier (pitcher, outfield).

The returning core will receive help from a handful of new players.

Junior outfielder David Harvey will see plenty of action this year in the outfield; Dan Nadratowski could move around third base, outfield and on the mound; and sophomore shortstop and pitcher Brad Lineberry will see time on the mound.

Other newcomers include juniors Kyle Sanders (pitcher, second base), Kyle Traver (pitcher, outfield), Steve Betts (pitcher, catcher), and Steve Ostrowski (pitcher, first base), who will round out the squad and provide much-needed depth for a successful high school baseball team.

Adams said he is looking forward to getting the season going.

“We are all chopping to get outside and begin another season of Wildcat baseball,” he said. “If our young pitching staff is able to effectively make teams earn their runs, we should be able to have a very competitive team this year.”

Of course it won’t be easy with match-ups against rivals Salem and Canton and division games against improving Wayne Memorial and John Glenn teams and an always-tough Northville group.

Plymouth opens against host Salem in a doubleheader, starting at 3:30 pm on Wednesday, April 4. The Wildcats’ home opener is a doubleheader against Mt. Morris at noon on Thursday, April 12.

Soccer

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defense in her final year. Julie Raymond will control the midfield and Liz Watza will secure the net. All were named captains.

Northville was extremely quick last year, which maybe the single strand that weaves its way through the team this year, according to Northville Coach Ron Meteyer.

“We have tremendous speed again like we did last year,” he said. “That carried us through the season and the playoffs last year. We’re not real big again, either, but we might actually be faster.”

With only four seniors some may view Northville at a disadvantage. However, Meteyer has 10 younger but very experienced players returning to the squad.

Junior midfielder Sarah Stern is back in action. She is moving from outside to inside. She has already verbally committed to Michigan State University. Junior Julie Blaszcak, a starter in her own right will share time in net. She split time with Watza and graduated senior Katie Weicksel last year. Junior Brianna Jenkins is back to defend the left side. Also returning as juniors are Lisa Kozub, Theresa Yankovich and Lydia Blair.

The team will have to do without Blair and Yankovich for a while as the both recover from off-season injuries.

Returning sophomores include forwards Christine Colleran and Karen Mayhall, midfielder Camille Junca and Kelsey Baskins.

Mayhall proved her worth with two

goals against South Lyon on Friday.

Joining the crew this year are four juniors: stopper Kyle Richard, defender Annie Tasse, Sarah Aquinto and Julia Bawden. Midfielder Amy Sweetapple and forward Amy Alumbaugh join the team as sophomores. Alumbaugh scored the team’s third goal against South Lyon. To round out the lineup are four freshmen: Caroline Castelli, Ella Dodson, Kelsey Fiscus and Tori Wright.

“I’m real excited to get this season going,” Slack said. “We lost a lot of seniors so we’re a bit younger; that’s about the only difference. As a captain, I have to show them that we constantly have to give every game our all at every practice, too. This year we just have to work our hardest and have confidence then hopefully we can make it back to the championship game.”

Although stacked with speed, solid defense and young experience, Meteyer knows it won’t be easy for his team, which has won the Western Lakes Championship the last three years.

“We’re not creeping up on anybody, especially with Toney up there. Everyone knows her,” he said. “She will be double and triple teamed. We have to hope that someone else can step up and take advantage.”

The Lady Mustangs will have their plates full battling against teams like Churchill, Salem and Stevenson as well as division foes like a much-improved Canton team and the Plymouth Wildcats.

“We’re vulnerable like everybody else,” Meteyer said. “We have to play full games and not back off from anything.”

Northville hosts John Glenn at 7 p.m. on Monday and heads to Salem at 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

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1. Obituaries



BARNETT, Robert Shannon, age 73, died March 3, 2007. We are confident that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. In this confidence, memories will always be cherished by his devoted daughters; his mother, Lillian Embry (95 years old); his sister Patricia Ruth Richards; his brothers, Phillip Embry and Peter Barnett; his grandchildren, Danielle and Keenan Johnson and Michael II and Alexander Greene; his sons-in-law, Joseph Lisbon Johnson III and Michael Anthony Greene; his eight nieces and five nephews; his sisters-in-law, Donna Johnson and JoAnne

(Embry) Adkinson; Belinda Williams and special friend Anna Payne and a host of great nieces and nephews and other family members and friends. Funeral services were held at Penn Funeral Chapel with Pastor Gerry Hearn officiating. Interment was at United Memorial Gardens. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



CORLEY, Willie Tom, District Elder, age 55, died March 10, 2007. District Elder Corley will be greatly missed by his family, church family and community. He transcended this life leaving to cherish his memory: His wife, Gwendolyn; three sons, Kevin, Dion (Michelle) and Jason; daughter

Shawntica; four blessed and chosen children, Devon, Raphael, Dominique and Iesha; eight grandchildren, Tiffany, Kevonna, Alexis, Kiara, Kevin Jr., DeJia, Devon and Jashawn (preceded him in death); sisters, Melvirtha Landers and Wilma Belle; brothers and sisters-in-law, Deborah and Melvin Butler, Fred (deceased), Pamela Healey, Issabelle Birmingham, Marie Walker, Henry and Connie Healy, Karl and Wanda Healy, Karen and Johnnie Cotton, Sheron Bush; great aunts, Louise Kennedy and Lillian Robertson. Funeral services were held at Christ Temple Apostolic Church with Presiding Bishop Carl E. Holland officiating. Interment was at Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



FIELDS, Erma L., age 62, died March 3, 2007. She leaves to cherish her memory, her grandfather, I.B. Williams of Forrest City, AR; sons, Kenneth Sr., Robert Sr., Maurice, Derrick Owen and Fallon Butler of Inkster, MI; sisters, Cozette (Lloyd Henry) Clayton of Inkster, MI, Lola Bailey of Wayne, AR, Mary Robinson and Dr. Patricia (Lloyd) Walls of Jonesboro, AR and Linda Gale Guy of Joneboro, AR; brothers, Lovelle Dean, Clayborn Dean of Inkster, MI and Larry (Shadonna) Dean of Kansas City, MO; nine grandchildren, Cierra, Kenneth Jr., Robert Jr., Nicholas, Darrius, Tayshawn, Jasmine, Anthony and Ginger Owens; her special daughter in Christ, Yvette Gaddes and a host of

other relatives and friends. Funeral services were held at St. John's Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Hardy Johnson officiating. Interment was at Westlawn Cemetery-West. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



FOWLER, Kim L., age 55, died March 10, 2007. He leaves to cherish his memory one devoted brother, Kent (Tenecia); three sisters, Carmen Barbee, Carla Patterson and Madelon (Cindy) Montgomery; five grandchildren, Anita, Domonique, Me'lon, Shantell and Nya; one uncle, John Gaines and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends. Funeral ser-

vices were held at Strictly Biblical Bible Teaching Ministry with Pastor Emery Moss, Jr. officiating. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.

HAUSCH, MaryAnn, Age 87, died March 23, 2007. Beloved wife of the late Victor. Loving mother of Victor (Rick) McCallum, Michael (Norma), Lawrence (Judy), and Susan (Stephen) Peliter. Grandmother of 8 and Great Grandmother of 25. A Funeral Mass was held at St Mary Catholic Church in Wayne. Mrs. Hausch was laid to rest at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock. Final arrangements were entrusted to Harry J. Will Funeral Home.



HAWKINS, Mother Agnes Lee, age 90, died February 28, 2007. Mother Hawkins lived a long life and she leaves to cherish those memories all of her cousins, nieces and nephews, her neighbors, her church family, her friends and her devoted God daughter and caretaker, Christa Bond and her devoted nephew Curtis Gilland. Funeral services were held at Penn Funeral Chapel with Rev. Hardy Johnson and Elder Onnie Lee officiating. Interment was at Westlawn Cemetery. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.

HOLT, Grady, age 93 of Inkster, died March 22, 2007. Beloved husband of the late Momena L. Holt and dear father of Mary Ruth, Robyn and Lynn. Funeral: Thursday, March 29, 2007, 12:00 Noon at St. Clement's Episcopal Church, 4300 Harrison Ave., Inkster, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home.



HOUSTON, Fitzhugh Otis, age 84, died March 14, 2007. He is survived by his loving wife Deena; son, Fitz Jr.; daughters, Sandi, Gebo and Deidre Williams; nieces and nephews in Lansing, MI, Rosemary and Jane, Vincent and John Houston; sisters-in-law, Gert Knight, Cordie Kahr, Michelle Hall, Toni Archer, Renee Glaze, Valerie Stevens, Carmen Reeves and Kathy Stevens; brothers-in-law, Emory Stevens Jr., Calvin and Michael Stevens; grandchildren, Jonathan Houston, Shangri "Pooh" Stevens, David, Jessica, Justin and Derrick Williams. Funeral services were held at Penn Funeral Chapel with Rev. Anthony B. Eaddy officiating. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.

LONG, Earl H., 82 of Canton, died March 24, 2007. He was born November 9, 1924 to William Long and Elsie Himmelreich. Mr. Long is survived by his loving wife Phyllis; his son Ronald (Margaret) Long; his daughter, Susan (Bryan) Bryant; brother, William (Ruth) Long; sisters, Eleanor (the late Robert) Dodd, Marian (George) Tiefert, Ann (Arnold) Braun; sisters-in-law, Frances Long and Becky Long; grandsons, Eric Long, Samuel Waxer and David Bryant; granddaughters, Mandy Kennedy, Darlene (Marshall) Taylor, Deanne Bonner-Hays, Lindsay (Mark) Hill, Meghan Waxer and Lauren Bryant; great grandsons Trevor Hill and Christian Taylor; and great granddaughter, Catherine Bryant. Mr. Long was preceded in death by his sisters, Esther (Charles) Marcotte and Lorraine (Harold) Stobb, and brothers, Ralph (Ellen) Long, Norman Long and Marvin Long. The Funeral was held at St. John Ev. Lutheran Church, with interment at Glen Eden Cemetery. Final arrangements were entrusted to Uht Funeral Home.



MAULL, Lannie B., age 80, was called home by our Creator on March 12, 2007. She leaves to cherish her memories one daughter, Juan; one brother, Clarence; two sisters,

Georgia and Louise; six grandchildren, Leon (Janice), Ronald, Willie, Michael, Eric (Tiffany) and Cameron; nine great grandchildren, Erick, Brandon, Briana, Kelsey, Jalen, Asia, Jalesha, Drew and Jada; one Godchild, Darlene (Crystal); second mother to Maxcine, Delores, Duane, Charlie, Tea and Luther; special friends Blanche, Flossie, Rita, Leatha, Mattie, Lawrence, Carrie and a host of other relatives and friends. Funeral services were held at Peoples Community Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Vincent J. Matthews officiating. Interment was at United Memorial Cemetery. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



RUCKER, Katie Bell, age 90, died March 14, 2007. She is survived by three sisters, Bernice Gray and Della Mae Ray of Inkster, MI and Bennie Bell Johnson of Detroit, MI; brother, T.W. Ray of Belleville, MI; nine grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren, 42 great-great grandchildren; a very dear and close friend, Mr. Alvin Jones and his wife Betty and a host of other relatives and friends. Funeral services were held at Beulah Baptist Church with Rev. Kenneth C. Pierce officiating. Interment was at Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.

TANNER, Michael Lee, age 55, of Belleville, MI died peacefully at home of a heart attack on Saturday, March 17, 2007. Born December 20, 1951 in Muskegon, son of Harry and Katherine (Mendham) Tanner, Jr. He was a 1970 graduate of Holton High School; life member of the American Legion Post #397 in Holton; life member of the V.F. W.; a member of the Marine Corps League and had retired in 2006 from GM Willow Run Plant. Dear father of Michelle (Kraig) Mahrley, Amy (Grant McCarthy) Tanner and Latoya Tanner; grandfather of Alex and Amy; also survived by his mother, Katherine; step-mother, Betty Tanner and siblings, Richard (Doris) Tanner, Susan (Ken) Cribley, Vicki (Mike) Arbogast, Diane (Rick) Manie) Tanner and Annette (Randy) Cribley; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Harry Tanner, Jr. and grandparents, Harry and Donnie Tanner and Loris and LaVerne Mendham. Visitation and services were at MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800); Rev. James Rictor officiating. Memorial con-

tributions suggested to the Family for Latoya, make checks payable to Amy Tanner. Visit online guest-book at www.macdonalds-funeralhome.com.



WATKINS, Alana Jane't, 24 days old, died March 9, 2007. Alana leaves to cherish her memory, her parents, LaShauna and William Jr.; brother Andre Watkins; maternal grandmother, Desoree Watkins; fraternal grandparents, William Sr. and Frances Lynn; great grandmothers, Yvonne Young and Sally Mumphrey; aunts, Maria (Dennis) McIntosh and Latrese (Greg) Singleton; great aunts, Orlet Facen and Sharyl Watkins-Scott; great uncle, Daryl Watkins; plus a host of great-great aunts, great-great uncles, nieces nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. Funeral services were held at Penn Funeral Chapel with Pastor David Roberts officiating. Interment was at United Memorial Gardens "Baby Land". Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.

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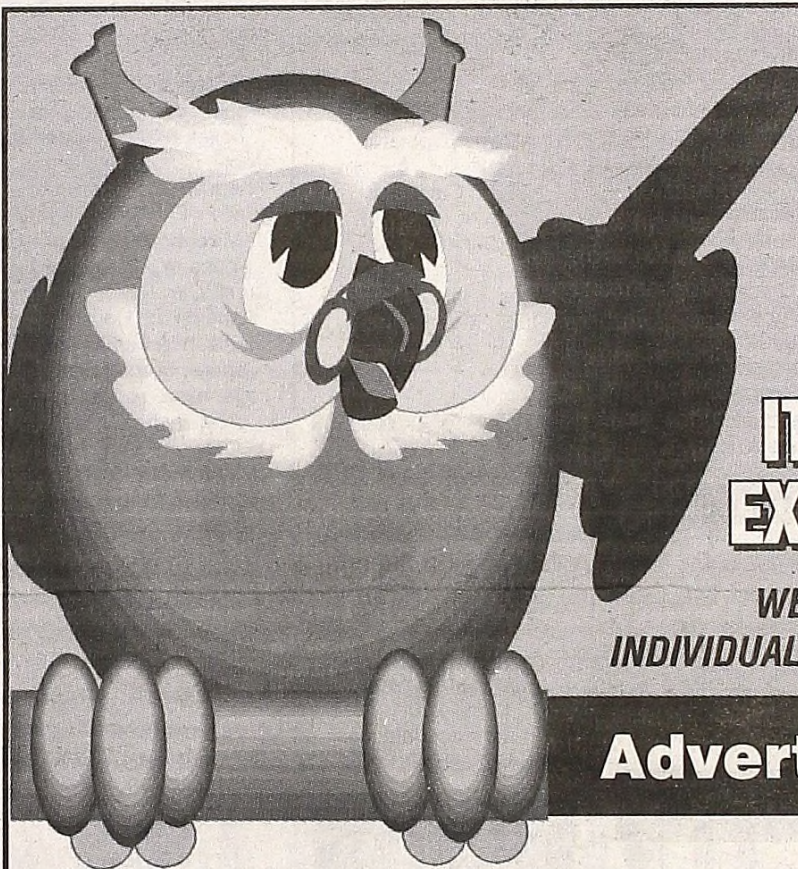
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BUSINESS

Restaurant marks 10th anniversary

Lester L. Holmes, Jr.
Staff Writer

The month of March is typically associated with the madness of hours of college basketball coverage, office tournament pools and major upset victories.

To Vince Toia, March madness has a totally different meaning.

A decade ago, Toia, became the owner of Plymouth Fish and Seafood Market and Restaurant. Through the 10 years since, the Old Village market has thrived in the tournament of restaurant competition in Western Wayne County.

"The business has really, really done well," said the 47-year old former banquet hall manager.

Toia was able to secure the fish market and restaurant after a friend told him that the space was available. Toia decided the fish market was his best chance to go into business for himself.

Toia said the business has experienced many changes through the years particularly to the menu. Starting out only as a fish and seafood eatery, the restaurant has expanded to serve poultry as well as burgers.

The restaurant also relies on modern communication technology to reach patrons. The restaurant has website as well as an email distribution system to send coupons and other information monthly to customers.

The economy is another major change impacting all restaurants,



Lori and Vince Toia celebrated 10 years at Plymouth Fish and Seafood Market in Old Village this month.

said Toia

"Michigan is having a hard time right now. I'm sure things will come back—but it's hard," he said.

Through the years, the restaurant has served thousands of Plymouth and Plymouth Township residents, along with people from other communities across the region.

Their standing within the community has given Toia and his wife, Lori, an opportunity to develop personal relationships with many of their customers within the past decade.

The Livonia residents have two sons in college and feel as much as a part of the Plymouth community as they do their own

town.

"We watched kids grow up in the neighborhood. 'We've seen couples go on their first date in here,'" said Toia, who enjoys working in the Old Village neighborhood.

We're serving great food and making great friendships. We love it here," he said

The restaurant has also served some of the most influential people in Wayne County and southeastern Michigan.

"Ed used to come here to get his perch and leave," said Toia referring to the Wayne County political icon Ed McNamara.

"He didn't want a lot of attention. He just wanted his food," Toia said.

Don't assume that the Toias are tired of eating fish after frying, broiling and baking thousands of pounds of perch, whiting and salmon since 1997.

"After all these years, I still crave it," said Lori Toia about the restaurant fish and chips platter—their staple meal.

"We love fish, that's why we're here," she said.

In celebration of their 10-year anniversary, The Plymouth Fish and Seafood Market and Restaurant will charge 1997 prices for several items on their current menu. For more information, call (734) 455-630 or visit www.plymouthfishmarket.com

The restaurant is located at 578 Starkweather St. in Plymouth.

'State of the Art' medical imaging now in Canton

Kevin Hill
Staff Writer

While Oakwood Healthcare prepares plans for a full-service hospital in southwest Canton, patients are already have access to state-of-the-art body imaging services at the recently opened Oakwood Imaging Center.

The center opened last November and features familiar tests such as MRI and ultrasound. But it also has a new PET-CT scanner, a technology that combines positron emission tomography with computed tomography.

The long and short of it: PET-CT scans to detect cancer are faster and more accurate, say doctors.

"It's fast," said Dr. Ashok Jain. "Once the patient is in position, it takes less than 55 seconds to (scan) the entire body."

Jain spent his fellowship working with body imaging technology when he began in the field 25 years ago.

"We have come a long way," he said. "When I first joined radiology, it used to take about 12 minutes to do a scan. Now it takes a few seconds to do. We've come a long way. The results are a lot

better. The clarity is a lot better."

Body imaging tests used to be the province of large hospitals, Jain said. Oakwood's flagship hospital in Dearborn didn't get a CT scanner until 1980, and Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne got theirs in 1986. Now, the technology is advanced enough to come to a medium-sized office complex in Canton Township.

"The nice thing about this center is its very convenient," said Amy Anderson, a physician liaison at Oakwood. "It's not something where the patient's going to have to travel a long distance to get in. They get in and they get out."

Oakwood has an agreement with General Electric, the manufacturer of many of the machines at the Haggerty Road facility, which allows the healthcare system access to the cutting-edge technology.

A PET-CT scan can be rendered as a 2-D or 3-D computer image, allowing a physician to inspect every detail to determine the severity and location of a patient's problem.

"We expect to do about 2,500 (patient) exams the first year," said Jain.



Jim Madison, of Michigan Mobile PET imaging, prepares patient Anthony Lawrence for a PET-CT scan at Oakwood Canton Imaging. Photo by Ken Garner.

A proposed medical campus at the northeast corner of Geddes and Beck roads would have some imaging services, too. For now, Oakwood officials say they have tried to create a soothing environment for patients by avoiding making the imaging center resemble a typical clinic. The walls are painted a soft green, and the lights are dimmed and the thermostat is kept at a warm

level in the scanning room to help patients relax.

"This is like a little home environment," said Kelly Demers, who works at the center. "It isn't as intimidating as you would think"

The Oakwood Imaging Center is located at 2050 N. Haggerty Road. For more information call (734) 446-9700 or visit www.oakwood.org.

Medical classes offered

The surgical technology program at the Wayne County Community College District Western Campus continues to develop and, according to officials, it's only going to get bigger.

Since 2005, the college surgical program has been under the leadership of Dr. Mark Shikman who has helped the program to expand. Shikman is a physician trained at Chelyabinsk State Medical School in Russia. He also attended St. Petersburg Institute of Oncology and obtained a Ph.D. in medicine specializing in surgery and oncology.

Now, Shikman is the director of the western campus program, which is only one of four in the country to offer four components: Central Service Technician, Surgical Technology, the Accelerated Alternate Delivery Certificate Program and the Surgical First Assistant.

The program curriculum is designed to enable students to perform a variety of duties, as well as provide technical support to the surgical team in an operating room before, during and after surgery.

The surgical technologist is trained to maintain a sterile and safe surgical environment. Duties may include, but are not limited to, preparing sterile supplies, equipment, instruments and drapes for surgical procedures; assisting the surgical team with gowning, gloving and positioning patients for surgery; providing instruments, sponges, sutures and other supplies to surgeons or their assistants; preparing specimens for laboratory analysis and sterilizing equipment.

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